

## **ABSTRACT**

An improved livestock latch assembly which includes a latch pin receiver assembly coupled to a rotatable camshaft, which moves the latch pin receiver assembly in a linear fashion between, deployed and retracted positions. In a deployed position, a latch pin receiver locks a pivotable restraining stanchion into a substantially vertical position when moved by an animal or operator. In a retracted position, a latch pin receiver assembly releases a pivotable restraining stanchion to freely pivot about its arc of swing. The improved latching mechanism may also include a decoupling member that allows a user to move a selected latch pin receiver assembly to a retracted position by uncoupling a selected latch pin receiver from a camshaft.

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